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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJ: POPPY PRODUCTION AND THE AID TO PAKISTAN MEETING

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1. E/C COUNSELOR SPOKE WITH MEAF UNDER SECRETARY ASHRAFI ON
JUNE 1 AID TO PAKISTAN MEETING AND SAID THAT OUR REPRESENTATIVE
WOULD MENTION OPIUM ISSUE IN HIS OPENING STATEMENT. DRAWING
UPON FACTS GIVEN PARA 1 REFTEL, EMBOFF SAID THAT ISSUE OF
NARCOTICS CONTROL WAS AN IMPORTANT ONE AFOR EACH MEMBER OF THE
CONSORTIUM AND SIMPLY COULD NOT BE IGNORED. JUNE 1 MEETING
AFFORDED EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY TO REMIND PAKISTAN OF IMPORTANCE
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WHICH CONSORTIUM MEMBERS, ALL OF WHOM POTENTIALLY AFFECTED BY
PAKISTAN'S ILLICIT OPIUM PRODUCTION, GIVE TO THIS PROBLEM.
EMOFF ASKED WHETHER IRAN'S STATEMENT AT JUNE 1 MEETING COULD
ALSO MAKE REFERENCE TO THIS ISSUE.

2. ASHRAFI SAID THAT EITHER HE OR UNDER SECRETARY KOURROUS
WOULD HEAD UP IRAN'S DELEGATION TO JUNE 1 MEETING. ASHRAFI

DID NOT HAVE ANY IMMEDIATE OPINION AS TO WHETHER IRAN'S STATEMENT COULD MAKE MENTION OF OPIUM ISSUE BUT HE CERTAINLY GAVE NO RPT NO INDICATION THAT GOI THOUGHT THAT MENTION OF IT WOULD BE IN ANY WAY EXTRANEIOUS TO THE DEBT ISSUE. HE SAID HE WOULD CHECK INTO THE MATTER AND GET BACK TO EMBASSY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

3. EMBASSY HAS TODAY GIVEN TO ASHRAFI TALKING POINTS GIVEN IN REFTTEL WHICH MIGHT BE INCORPORATED INTO IRAN'S STATEMENT.

4. DEPARTMENT WILL BE ADVISED AS OON AS WE HAVE FURTHER WORD. FYI: WHIL MEAF MAY HAVE NO VIEWS ON LINKAGE BETWEEN NARCOTICS ACTIVITY AND DEBT ISSUE, WE BELIEVE FOREIGN MINISTRY AND NARCOTICS CONTROL ADMINISTRATION MAY NOT BE READY TO TAKE LEAD TO EXTENT OF MENTION IN OPENING STATEMENT . PAK-IRAN NARCOTICS INTELLIGENCE COOPERATION HAS IMPROVED SINCE LAST FALL, AND HIGHEST LEVELS OF GOI, SENSING NEED TO BOLSTER PAKISTAN AGAINST UNCERTAINTIES ARISING FROM AFGHAN COUP, MAY NOT WANT NARCOTICS ISSUE TO INTERFERE WITH SETTLEMENT EFFORTS. USDEL MIGHT WISH EXPLORE IRANIAN POSITION ON ARRIVAL PARIS AND SOLICIT GENERAL SITREP FROM COUNTRY WHICH IS REGIONAL NEIGHBOR AND CENTO PARTNER OF PAKISTAN PRIOR TO FORMAL SESSIONS.
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